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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: THE WAR IN THE SAHARA

1. THE OAU SUMMIT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT MARCH IN GABON
"WILL PRODUCE NO POSITIVE RESULTS. ON THE CONTRARY, THE
OAU RISKS ONCE MORE LAYING BARE ITS DIVISIONS," AS IT DID
DURING ITS DELIBERATIONS ON ANGOLA SAYS NEWS ANALYST NTOTO
WAKU OF KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA (JANUARY 24).
2. AFTER NOTING POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE POLISARIO FRONT,
MOROCCO, MAURITANIA AND ALGERIA, NTOTO WAKU CLAIMS THAT
ALGERIA "IS PREPARING IN SECRET TO ESCALATE THE WAR IN THE
SAHARA" DESPITE WHAT IT SAYS TO THE CONTRARY.
3. COMMENTARY SUGGESTS THAT REQUEST FOR GABON OAU MEETING
COULD BE A PLOY TO "GAIN TIME IN ORDER TO PUT INTO ACTION
NEW MILITARY TACTICS WHICH WERE ALLEGEDLY STUDIED IN ALGIERS
IN DECEMBER 1977 WITH CUBAN AND RUSSIAN OFFICERS. IN OUR
OPINION," CONCLUDES EDITORIAL, "IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO
MAKE PEACE IN THE WESTERN SAHARA. AND, THE EMERGENCY OAU
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